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1. Transmittal letter
2. Amendment (4 pages)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2003, please amend the above-
identified application as follows, and consider the remarks below. Reconsideration of
this application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims – are reflected in the listing of the claims which
begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8